

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 remain pending in the application. New claims 20-23 have been added.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent and basis for the claimed subject matter. In response, the specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

The disclosure is objected to because of the noted informalities. The dimensions in the specification and claims have been converted from S.I. units to English units and inserted therein. Also, the phrase "I claim" has been inserted before claim 1. Accordingly the objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 14-18 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, the claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Chavarria et al. (4, 116, 439). In response, independent claims 1, 2 and 7 have been amended and are believed patentable over Chavarria et al. for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 1, 2 and 7 have been amended to recite that the inner core is round. Additionally new claims 20-23 have been added to further define that the round inner core has a greater density than the outer covering. Because the inner core is round it provides the training ball with a uniform weight distribution. In order for Chavarria et al. to achieve a uniform weight distribution with the unsymmetrical objects shown in the figures, the unsymmetrical objects would have to have the same weight density as the outer covering. Otherwise the billiard ball, when struck with a pool cue, would wobble. Advantageously, this is not the case with the present invention. Accordingly, for least these reasons, anticipation rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 5, 6, 9-19 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Chavarria et al. (4, 116, 439). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons discussed above in the anticipation rejection. These claims also recite additional, important limitations and are patentable for the reasons discussed above as well as on their own merits.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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